

making a weighted term list from documents resulting from a search of a first document database, the weight of each term reflecting the importance of the term in the first document database, the documents having a high relevance to a first search input to said first document database, and the first search input being a set of keywords, fragments of a document or any desired set of the documents,

performing a search of a second document database;

wherein the search results from said first document database are used to derive a second search input for performing said search of said second document database, and

wherein each term in the documents selected from the search of the second document database is weighted considering the importance of the term both in the first document database and the second document database, and the weight being used to calculate the relevance of the selected documents from the second document database.

11. (Amended) A service for searching documents as defined in claim 10, wherein an interface is provided in which a set of documents from the search result of said first document database are selected or deselected, and a set of documents selected from the search result are used in

preparing the second search input for searching said second document database.

12. (Amended) A service for searching documents as defined in claim 11, wherein a summary containing only topic words in the first search input is used to perform the second search.

31 13. (Amended) A service for searching documents as defined in claim 11, wherein a client transmits a set of documents in the first search input to a server where said first document database is stored, receives a summary comprising only topic words related to the set of documents which is sent, sends the second search input corresponding to said summary reflecting a user's evaluation of the summary to a server where said second document database is stored, and receives a search result from the search of said second document database.

14. (Amended) A service for searching documents as defined in claim 10, wherein a summary containing only topic words in the first search input is used to perform the second search.

15. (Amended) A service for searching documents as defined in claim 10, wherein a client transmits a set of documents in the first search input to a server where said first document database is stored, receives a summary comprising only topic words related to the set of documents which is sent, sends the second search input corresponding to said summary reflecting a user's evaluation of the summary to a server where said second document database is stored, and receives a search result from the search of said second document database.

16. (Amended) A service for searching documents as defined in claim 15, wherein said server produces a summary from topic words relevant to the set of documents sent by the client and transmits the summary to the client, and searches and transmits a set of documents having a high relevance to any summary sent by the client, to the client.

17. (Amended) A service for searching documents as defined in claim 15, wherein said client has an interface for specifying a set of documents for the first search input and document databases to be searched, the set of documents in the

first search input is sent to a server specified by the user, a summary of the set of documents is received from the specified server, the summary received is sent to a server comprising said second document database, and search results are received from the search of said second document database and displayed.

B1 18. (Amended) A service for searching documents wherein servers comprising document databases and programs to manipulate said databases are dispersed over a network and a client connected to said servers performs a document search, said service providing a document search method in which the client transmits a set of documents in a first search input to one of said servers where a first document database is stored, receives a summary comprising only topic words related to the set of documents which is sent, send a second search input corresponding to said summary reflecting a user's evaluation of the summary to a server where a second document database is stored, and receives a search result from the search of the second document database, wherein said server storing the first document database produces the summary of topic words relevant to the set of documents sent by the client and transmits the summary to the client, and searches and